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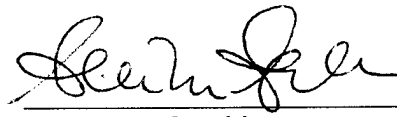
This Preliminary Amendment is further to the amendments made in the PCT application, copies of which were submitted concurrently with the filing of this application.

Pursuant to a teleconference between the undersigned attorney and the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Thomas Black, the present Office Action mailed on September 21, 2007, will be withdrawn since the Office failed to take into account the first and second set of amendments made in the PCT stage. It is the undersigned attorney's understanding that those PCT amendments (to the specification and claims) and also the claim amendments made herein will be entered and a new Office Action will be mailed based on the application so amended.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local exchange listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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